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Command Organization

1. The Chief Signal Officer on the staff at Polish Navy Headquarters in Gdynia was the head of the Polish Navy Observation and Communication Organization (Komenda Obserwacji i Łączności Polskiej)

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Marynarki Wojennej). For purposes of administration the Polish Baltic Coast had been divided into four sectors (odcinki) (see enclosure). These four administrative sectors each had a headquarters which was subordinate to the Gdynia office. The sector headquarters were located as follows:

- a. Sector I - - - - - Gdynia
- b. Sector II - - - - - Ustka (Stolpmuende)
- c. Sector III - - - - - Kolobrzeg (Kolberg)
- d. Sector IV - - - - - Swinoujscie (Swinemuende)

2. Within each sector were numerous subordinate observation posts (punkty obserwacyjne). The breakdown on location of these posts was as follows. (See enclosure):

a. Sector I: (O.P. = Observation Post)

O.P. No. 1 - - - - - Nowa Karczma
 O.P. No. 2 - - - - - Lysa Gora
 O.P. No. 3 - - - - - Sztutowo
 O.P. No. 4 - - - - - Swibno
 O.P. No. 5 - - - - - Nowy Port
 O.P. No. 6 - - - - - Oksywie
 O.P. No. 7 - - - - - Hel
 O.P. No. 8 - - - - - Jastarnia
 O.P. No. 9 - - - - - Rozewie

(In addition there was an unnumbered O.P. in Gdynia named Ochrony Redy).

b. Sector II:

O.P. No. 10 - - - - - Bialagora
 O.P. No. 11 - - - - - Stilo
 O.P. No. 12 - - - - - Leba
 O.P. No. 13 - - - - - Czolpino
 O.P. No. 14 - - - - - Ustka
 O.P. No. 15 - - - - - Jaroslawiec
 O.P. No. 16 - - - - - Darlowo

c. Sector III

O.P. No. 17 - - - - - Uniescie
 O.P. No. 18 - - - - - Gaski
 O.P. No. 19 - - - - - Ustronie
 O.P. No. 20 - - - - - Kolobrzeg
 O.P. No. 21 - - - - - Mrzezyno

d. Sector IV

O.P. No. 22 - - - - - Niechorze
 O.P. No. 23 - - - - - Dziwnow
 O.P. No. 24 - - - - - Swinoujscie

(As the enclosure shows, the observation posts were arranged numerically from east to west along the coast).

Mission

3. The mission of the Observation and Communication Organization was to maintain a continual visual watch on all land, sea, and air activity along the Polish coast. The system, however, was not

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equipped with radar or other electronic means. The vigilance of the look-outs coordinated by a tight inter-communication setup was the basis of the surveillance. In addition, other Polish Navy units, which were equipped with radar, etc., reported all sightings to the nearest sector headquarters which coordinated these sightings within the O & C organization.

Inter-Communications of the O & C Organization

4. The following were the lines of communication within the Observation and Communication Organization:
 - a. Navy Headquarters - Sector Headquarters Level. Each of the four sector headquarters was connected with the Observation and Communication office in Polish Navy Headquarters, Gdynia by:
 - (1) Radio
 - (2) Teletype
 - (3) Telephone
 - b. Inter-Sector Headquarters Level: No direct teletype communication system was maintained between the Sector Headquarters. Ordinarily when two Headquarters wished to exchange information they used teletype going via Gdynia Naval Headquarters. The Sector HQ's had telephone and radio communication with each other.
 - c. Sector Headquarters - Observation Post Level: Each sector Headquarters was connected with its subordinate O.P.'s by:
 - (1) Telephone
 - (2) Radio (not in every case)

In addition, each headquarters was in telephone communication with the O.P. of the neighboring sector which lay closest to the boundary between the sectors, i.e., Headquarters at Ustka (Sector II) was in direct telephone communication with its own O.P.'s (Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16) and also with O.P.'s No. 9 (of Sector I) and No. 17 (of Sector III).
 - d. Inter-Observation Post Level: Each O.P. was connected with its neighbors on either side (without regard for inter-sector boundaries) by:
 - (1) Telephone
 - (2) Radio - - - - (All but Swinoujscie had type RBM radio. All had UKF (Radio-telephone, like TBS).)

Modus Operandi

5. Although the O.P.'s were charged with observation and reporting of all noteworthy activity on the coast and at sea, the main function was checking on passing ships. Assuming a ship passing from west to east along the coast; the first O.P. (No. 24) would sight it and report to Sector HQ. As the vessel continued eastward, O.P. No. 24 would call No. 23 and warn it. The ship would be passed along the coast from O.P. to O.P. in this fashion. Many times the O.P.'s had previous notice of vessels that were expected. Sometimes this previous notice was withheld by Sector HQ, however, as a check on the alertness of the O.P.'s. Similarly the O.P.'s reported aircraft in passage. An air sighting report had the highest priority, (FLASH). This naturally required more rapid coordination with HQ's and other

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O.P.'s. The coast watches also reported any unusual activity on the coast along the sea - especially instances of photographing.

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